**DIAGNOSING DIFFERENCE: FILM SCREENING AND PANEL WITH**

*Filmmaker: Dr. Annalise Ophelian ~ Musicians: StormMiguel & Shawna Virago*

**OCTOBER 12, 2010**

**1:00 pm**

**Student Union Building Ballroom A**

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“Diagnosing Difference should be mandatory viewing for all medical and mental health providers, including those currently in training and those who have practiced for many years ... This film provides not only a real portrayal of the diversity of gender identities within transgender communities, it also takes the medical and mental health professions head on with compelling historical facts, contemporary debates and personal narratives. This film is a call to all mental health providers to not only educate themselves but to become activists for transgender patient rights within their professional communities.”

-- Dr. Sara Kimmel, Staff Psychologist, Harvard University Mental Health Services

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**Diagnosing Difference** is a full-length documentary featuring interviews with 13 diverse scholars, activists, and artists who identify on the trans spectrum (transgender, transsexual, genderqueer, and gender variant) about the impact and implications of the Gender Identity Disorder (GID) on their lives and communities. Historically, non-trans medical and mental health care professionals have positioned themselves as the “experts” on transgender experience, creating standards, guidelines, and diagnoses that inform legal policies and mediate every aspect of life. **Diagnosing Difference** shifts the focus to explore the many complexities of the diagnosis from the perspectives of those it affects most directly and personally, including access to medical care, legal ramifications, social stigma, implications for psychotherapeutic care, treatment trauma, and differences in experience based on factors like race, class, gender orientation, and generation.

**Filmmaker Annalise Ophelian** is a queer San Francisco-based human sexuality educator and trans ally. Dr. Ophelian has a BA in Ethnic Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and Psy.D from the Wright Institute in Berkeley. **Diagnosing Difference** is her first film. She has lectured at colleges and universities around the country, and has taught clinical competency workshops on alternative sexualities for medical and mental health providers.

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